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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JUNE 2, 2016**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order on June 2, 2016 at 9:44 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, MS, LRC, Committee Chair
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Vice-Chair
Diane Licht, MA, LPC, Committee Member
Dana Kaspreen, Ph.D., LPC, LCADC, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member

Excused:

Peter Economou, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General
Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Confidential Assistant

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum and read the Sunshine Law:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by made by Diane Licht, and seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Committee voted to approve the May 5, 2016 public minutes as presented. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present:

Annette Vaccaro - Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis - Director
Rosemary McGee – Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis – Student
Judy Lapidès – Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis – Student
Lillesol Kerne – Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis – Student
Juliana Natiello – St. Mary’s General Hospital – Senior Clinician, LAC

V. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Executive Director announced the annual Elections of Officers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-37.4.

Upon nomination made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee nominated William Green for Committee Chair. Voting in favor: all.

Upon nomination made by Dana Kaspereen, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee nominated Ketrin Saud Maxwell for Committee Vice-Chair. Voting in favor: all.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

No items to report.

VII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Assembly Bill 3684

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 3684 which seeks to require Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services to facilitate the establishment of four new recovery community centers.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

B. Assembly Joint Resolution 102

The Committee reviewed this bill which designates September of each year as “Youth Suicide Prevention Month” in New Jersey.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

C. Assembly Bill 3712

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 3712 which seeks to require certain health benefit plans to provide treatment for substance abuse and dependency when determined medically necessary by physician or psychologist.

Upon motion made by Dana Kaspereen, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to support this bill as presented. Voting in favor: all.

D. Assembly Bill 3744

The Committee tabled this bill for review at the July 7, 2016 meeting to review with Regulatory Analyst Rachel Glasgow.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No items to review.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) - William Green

Committee Chair William Green discussed with the Committee his report on the NBCC state Licensing Board Meeting held in Virginia on May 24 - 26, 2016. Highlights of the meeting include:

- 34 states attended the annual conference
- Discussion on the development, improvement, security and special accommodations of the NCE
- Discussion on "Distance Counseling"
- Changes to the Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) credential
- Ethics and Complaints

B. Disciplinary Action

Committee Chair William Green discussed with the Committee that on the license verification section of the website, www.njconsumeraffairs.gov, disciplinary action has against a licensee is not included as part of the verification. Currently you need to go to a different screen to obtain that information.

Executive Director Collazo informed the Committee that the web master was informed and the system will be updated to show this information.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Thomas W. Clawson, President and CEO of the NBCC

The Committee reviewed Mr. Clawson's May 12, 2016 letter asking for permission to use contact information collected during the NCE or NCMHCE registration to inform licensed counselors about the National Certified Counselor (NCC) and other specialty certifications.

The Committee will inform Mr. Clawson that they cannot give permission to access any applicant's contact information.

B. Sara R. Ensslen, LPC, Director, Cairn University

The Committee reviewed Ms. Ensslen's letter regarding Cairn University transcripts.

Upon motion made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, and seconded by W. Michael Shea, the Committee voted to inform Ms. Ensslen that they have concerns about the curriculum/course work presented, and would need her to clarify the sample transcript submitted as it is not clear where undergraduate ends, and graduate level begins. The graduate level courses appear to only total 39 credits, not the 48 as stated in Ms. Ensslen's letter. Ms. Ensslen should submit a syllabi for all classes listed in the program, and have the University fill out a sample course worksheet with the sample transcript submitted just as a student will have to do when they apply for licensure. Voting in favor: all.

XI. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

No items to report.

XII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Sub-Committee:

No items to review.

B. Internet Therapy Counseling:

Tabled for discussion with Committee member Peter Economou for the July 7, 2016

meeting.

XIII. FILED ORDERS

No items to review.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 7, 2016.

Meeting Dates for 2016

July 7, 2016

August - no meeting

September 1, 2016

October 6, 2016

November 3, 2016

December 1, 2016

XV. APPLICATION REVIEW:

National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval

Buelo, Andrea
Cardillo, Nicole
Dima, Korya
Field, Erica
Garaffa, Melissa
Kalebic, Tamara
Mazur, Marissa
McClain, Tara
Smith, Linda
Sullivan, Lauren
Swart, Christine
Zacchia, Robert
Zippo-Mazur, Gina

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval

Abuelhiga, Leila
Benson, Barbara
Colon, Angelina
DeMatteo, Gerard
Desantis, Nicole
Doney, Melissa
Eason, Angelica
Eberling, Lauren
Fair, Brittany
Freire, Jeanette

Houman, Katie
Lauen, Kiersten
Mohammed, Richard
Morris, Erin
Roter, Amy
Rukaj, Jacklyn
Santos, Samantha
Singh, Harjinder
Smith, Ashley
Stichter, Caitlin
Shelat, Purvesh
Tavella, Elenora
Williams, Denise

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval

Andreula, Tyler
Berman, Kathleen
Beury, Kimberly
Bonas, Jason
Brizell, Jodina
Carmelo, Romeo
Dana, Lauren
Gibilisco, Dana
Ginsburgs, Vera
Gitter, Marissa
Grayner, Therese
Greenspan, Erin
Guzman, Jeanette
Hartnack, Amanda
Highsmith, Sheila
Kicha, Jessica
Kitzinger, Robert
Lombardi, Dedra
Montes, Grace
Nirenberg, Michelle
Peschke, April
Peterson, Michelle
Repsher, Stephen
Reynolds, Christine
Rivera, Katherine
Schaffer, Ashley
Schwartz, Joshua
Servedio, Melissa
Skow, Farah
Stefanelli, Megan
Stella, Diai

Vaccarella, Sarah
Wade, Evelyn
Young, Colleen
Zepka, Margaret

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Diane Licht, and seconded by W. Michael Shea, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 10:53 a.m. for review of applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. Voting in favor: all.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by William Green, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee adjourned the public meeting at 2:40 p.m. Voting in favor: all.